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J. M. Gershenson of Kiev, whom I have met personally and whose genetic work on *Drosophila* of many years ago was of special interest to me, recently sent me a reprint of a paper by his group in the Division of Molecular Biology and Genetics of The University of Kiev, this on the possibility of transfer of genetic information from RNA to DNA during the reproduction of nuclear polyhedrosis viruses.

Gershenson and his associates feel that this work has not received deserved recognition outside of the USSR. This could well be because most of the papers are in Russian. It is of course also possible that there is skepticism as to whether the experimental evidence justifies the conclusions drawn.

As a friend of Gershenson, I have promised to see that these investigations are called to the attention of a group of U. S. investigators working in closely related areas. At first I was inclined to do this as a Letter to the Editor of Science. But on second thought, considering that I am by no means familiar with the technical details of work in this area, I have decided to keep my promise to Gershenson by means of this communication to a group of investigators I happen to know personally. Hence I enclose a copy of the English version of a review article by Gershenson, et al.

The ~~English title of~~ reference to the paper is: "Transfer of

Genetic Information from RNA to DNA in Nuclear Polyhedrosis Viruses."

Josh .. Do they  
have any kind  
of a case?

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Regards  
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